

**EXPERT REPORT OF ALON EVIATAR**

**SOKOLOV V. PALESTINIAN LIBERATION AUTHORITY, CASE NO. 04-397 (S.D.N.Y.)**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

**A. Credentials**

I was born in 1967 and currently reside in Maccabim, Israel. I have an M.A. in Public Policy from Bar Ilan University (2011). I have a B.A. in Middle Eastern Studies and Political Science from Bar Ilan University (1994). I am fluent in Hebrew and Arabic and in English reading and comprehension.

Between 1986 and 1997, I served as an intelligence officer in the Intelligence Branch of the Israel Defense Forces ("IDF"), engaged in information gathering and analysis, with an expertise in military affairs.

Between 1998 and 2000, I served as an advisor on Palestinian Affairs in the Coordination and Liaison Administration in Nablus and Bethlehem. In 2000-2001, I studied at the IDF Command School. In the context of this course, I published a paper comparing the great Arab rebellion to the second intifada.

Between 2001 and 2004, I served as Commander of the Coordination and Liaison Administration in Jericho and the Jordan Valley. In this position, I managed communications with official and unofficial Palestinian sources in the region, the exercise of civil jurisdiction authority vis a vis the Palestinian Authority and the local population, the assessment of the situation in the region and provision of assistance to the security forces in fighting terror.

Between 2004 and 2013, I served as Head of the Department for Palestinian Affairs, at different times in Gaza and the West Bank, sometimes in the Civil Administration and sometimes in the Command for Coordination of Government Activities in the Territories ("COGAT"). During this period, I also participated in an intelligence course and I formed a special division dedicated to Hamas's civilian infrastructure (the Dawa).

During the last nine years of my service in the IDF, I was a Department Head in the Department of Palestinian Affairs and held an IDF rank of Lt.Colonel. I reported to the Head of COGAT, above whom were only two people – the Minister of Defense and the Chief of Staff. In that position, I was responsible (among other things) for supervising the work of IDF research and assessment personnel in various fields relating to Palestinian affairs, drafting and presenting research and policy papers concerning Palestinian affairs, and appearing before and providing briefings to senior governmental and military forums regarding Palestinian affairs. I

supervised approximately 50 people. As part of my position I also provided numerous briefings about Palestinian affairs, in Israel , to foreign officials.

In the course of my services in the IDF, I received and read many thousands of intelligence items – including raw intelligence data obtained from electronic and human sources, as well as analyses and summaries compiled from such raw data, many of which my team prepared under my supervision – relating to the activities of the Palestinian Authority (the “PA”), the Palestine Liberation Organization (the “PLO”) and the full range of Palestinian groups, organizations, institutions and personalities.

I retired from the IDF earlier this year.

I have not authored any publications during the last ten years.

I have never before testified as an expert at trial or at a deposition.

**B. Nature and Purpose of Report**

I have been requested by Plaintiffs in the matter of *Sokolow v. Palestinian Liberation Authority* to express my professional expert opinion on several matters, as set forth in detail herein.

My expert opinion herein does not deal with the responsibility of Hamas for the commission of the attack by Hamas. Rather, I address herein the role of the Palestinian Authority and its status as a supporting actor in the terrorist bombing attack in the cafeteria at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

In addition, in preparing my report, I reviewed inter alia the documents listed below:

Documents Produced by Plaintiffs:

Bates P 1:1-3563

Bates P 2:3-313

Bates P 3:1-54

Bates P 4:1-282

Bates P 5:1-160

Bates P 6:1-334

Bates P 7:1-178

**EXPERT REPORT OF ISRAEL SHRENZEL IN SOKOLOV V. PALESTINIAN  
AUTHORITY, CASE NO. 04-397 (S.D.N.Y.)**

**I. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

I was born in 1958 and currently reside in Tel Aviv, Israel. I have an M.A. in Middle Eastern Studies (1987) and a B.A. in Arabic Language and Literature and Modern Middle Eastern Studies (1979) from Tel Aviv University. I am fluent in Hebrew and Arabic and in English reading and comprehension. I also have an intermediate-level (or better) knowledge of French, Spanish and Russian.

Between 1980 and 1985, I served as a research officer in the Intelligence Branch of the Israel Defense Forces (“IDF”), with an expertise in Palestinian and Syrian affairs.

Between 1988 and 2004, I served as an intelligence analyst in Israel’s General Security Service (“GSS”), which is Israel’s main domestic intelligence and security agency, roughly equivalent in its role and tasks to the FBI in the United States.

During most of my period of service in the GSS I was a Department Head in the GSS Research Division and held a GSS rank equivalent to Colonel. I reported to my Division Head above whom were only two people – the Department Head and the Head of the GSS. In that position I was responsible (among other things) for supervising the work of GSS research and assessment personnel in various fields relating to Palestinian affairs, drafting and presenting research and policy papers concerning Palestinian affairs, and appearing before and providing briefings to senior governmental and military forums regarding Palestinian affairs. I supervised approximately 15-20 people. As part of my position I also provided numerous briefings about Palestinian affairs, in Israel and abroad, to foreign officials.

In the course of my services in the GSS, I received and read many thousands of intelligence items – including raw intelligence data obtained from electronic and human sources, as well as analyses and summaries compiled from such raw data, many of which my team prepared under my supervision – relating to the activities of the Palestinian Authority (the “PA”), the Palestine Liberation Organization (the “PLO”) and the full range of Palestinian groups, organizations, institutions and personalities.

Since leaving the GSS, I have taught at Tel Aviv University as an Adjunct Professor of Modern Islamic Thought in the Arabic and Islamic Studies Department. I have also edited a number of books, some of which are relevant to the Palestinian issue, including Hamas Lexicon (Ma’arachot 2008) and Ticking Bomb (Ma’arachot 2006) (a collection of articles dealing with suicide bombings). I also served as language editor for a new Hebrew-language translation of the Quran published by Professor Uri Rubin (Tel Aviv University Press 2005). During 2007, I